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"CHAOS IN INDIA"

London, May 23.
Complete chaos and bloodshed throughout India immediately the existing government has handed over its power over the country to the hands of the Congress, a member of Parliament for Orissa, in an interview with Reuters today.
Sir Waldron is to ask the Under-Secretary of State for India, Mr. Arthur Henderson, in the House of Commons next Monday whether, in view of the recent decisions of His Majesty's Government, he will arrange for the evacuation from India of all European women and children immediately.
He told Reuters: "I think we should get all our people out as quickly as we can for their own safety's sake. No European will be safe."—Reuters.

Hong Kong To Hand Over Collaborators

Arrangements have been completed for the handing over of Chinese collaborators in the Colony to the Government of China, following several conferences during the past few days between the Hong Kong Government and Major-General Li Han-chung (representing Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek's Hqs. in Canton), the "China Mail" learned from semi-official Chinese sources last night. The first batch consists of over 100 wanted persons.

Major-General Li arrived in the Colony on Monday to discuss various details of a technical nature concerning the handing over of these collaborators, following the passing into law last Friday of the Chinese Collaborators (Surrender) Ordinance, 1946, by the Legislative Council.

Since his arrival, Major-General Li has had conferences with His Excellency, the Governor and with Police and judicial officials.
These semi-official Chinese sources told the "China Mail" that the Government of Hong Kong has agreed to arrest and hand over the wanted persons upon official application by General Chang Fa-kwei, Director of the Generalissimo's Hqs. in Canton.

The evidence on which China will make her applications is based on newspaper reports, books, periodicals and other documents concerning the collaborationist activities of the wanted persons, as well as evidence given by other collaborators in Chinese territory and certified by judges of the Chinese High Courts.

Satisfaction is expressed by these semi-official Chinese sources, which point out that it was reached through Sino-British co-operation and mutual respect in accordance with International Law.

A first list of wanted collaborators—numbering 109 names—was announced in Canton by the Generalissimo's Hqs. in Canton yesterday. A second list, with over 200 names, will be issued shortly.

Application for the arrest of the collaborators in the Colony has not yet been made to the Hong Kong Government. The "China Mail" was informed that this will be done upon Major-General Li's return to Canton and after he has consulted General Chang Fa-kwei.

KING'S INTEREST IN THE LAND

Gloucester, May 23.
The King spoke as a farmer to farmers today when he attended the centenary celebrations of the Royal Agricultural College here.
"My forebears and I have visited here at regular quarter-century intervals," the King said. "This may be an application by the College for recognition."

SIX QUESTIONS Iran Issue Before The U.N.O.

ALLIANCE WITH FRANCE

London, May 23.
The Foreign Secretary, Mr. Ernest Bevin, stated today that alliance with France must be based on friendship between the two countries and not made conditional upon anything else.

Mr. Bevin, who was replying to a question in the House of Commons, added that he had always been in favour of an alliance with the French government of same kind as Britain's treaty with the Soviet Union.
When a Member asked if he would bear in mind that whatever their differences, all French political parties wanted an Anglo-French alliance, Mr. Bevin replied: "Yes. But they also want conditions in regard to other things before it is discussed."—Reuters.

COMMUNAL RIOTS

Calcutta, May 23.
Five villages were burnt down, three people killed and 50 injured in communal disturbances in the Burdwan district of Bengal, lasting for three days last week, the Bengal government disclosed in a communique issued today.—Reuters.

Serious View Of Death Of Two Soldiers

London, May 23.
Mr. Ernest Bevin, British Foreign Secretary, told the House of Commons today that the British Government had left the Egyptian Government in no doubt of the serious view they took of the murder of two British soldiers by an Egyptian crowd in Alexandria on March 4. It had made it clear that they held the Egyptian Government responsible.

He was replying to a question by Mr. Hugh Mosley, Conservative, who asked what steps had been taken to bring home to the Egyptian Government their responsibility for the murder of the two British soldiers; whether the Egyptian Government was endeavouring to bring the murderers to justice; what steps had been taken against the Governor of Alexandria

and whether the Egyptian Government would make a public apology.

Mr. Bevin replied: "The British Government have left the Egyptian Government in no doubt of the serious view they take of this and have made it clear that they hold the Egyptian Government responsible for the death of the two British soldiers concerned."

"All evidence in the possession of the British military authorities has been communicated to the Egyptian authorities who have been pledged to continue their efforts to bring those responsible to justice."
The question of action against the Governor of Alexandria is one for the Egyptian Government. The question of a public apology has not been discussed.

No Apology

Lord Winterton, Conservative: "Is it not in accord with the usual diplomatic practice that when nationals had been murdered the government of the country concerned tenders a full apology and can Mr. Bevin state what steps it is proposed to take to bring the criminals to justice?"
Mr. Bevin: "In this case I have been pressing the Egyptian Government for the apprehension of those responsible which I have regarded as the most important thing to do."
Mr. Daniel Lague, Independent: "Does Mr. Bevin's answer mean that the Egyptian Government have not expressed any apology or regret for what the soldiers have done?"
Mr. Bevin: "I have been pressing the Egyptian Government for the apprehension of those responsible which I have regarded as the most important thing to do."

SPANISH SOCIALISTS

Toulouse, May 23.
The first session of the four-day Spanish Socialist Congress held here today was attended by 488 representatives of Spanish Socialist groups from France, England, America, Belgium, Africa and those Spanish delegates shut out of the border.

"Interference" Has Not Ceased

NEW YORK, MAY 23.
THE UNITED NATIONS SECURITY COUNCIL MET TODAY TO DISCUSS THE LONG-PENDING IRANIAN ISSUE WHICH HAD BEEN POSTPONED EARLIER.
SIR ALEXANDER CADOGAN, THE BRITISH DELEGATE, SAID HE WOULD LIKE ANSWERS TO THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS:

- 1) What proportion of Iranian territory do the centres investigated represent?
 - 2) Is the Iranian Government satisfied with the situation?
 - 3) Has any investigation been made of reports that Soviet forces were left behind in civilian clothes?
- Pointing out also that Russia had made no report to the Council, Sir Alexander said "we cannot help but look upon the matter with suspicion."
- The Council then decided unanimously to keep the case on the Agenda but to adjourn discussion of it indefinitely. This would allow the case to be brought up anytime a member desired.

Proposal Rejected.
The Council rejected by a vote of 8 to 2 a Polish proposal to telegraph Premier Quavam asking a straight "yes" or "no" answer to whether he was satisfied with the Soviet evacuation. France and Poland voted for the motion. Then the Council adjourned subject to the call of the Chairman.
The Iranian Ambassador to the United States, Ala Hussein, who had been invited to sit at the Council table on the request

ANTI-BRITISH

London, May 23.
A Foreign Office spokesman said yesterday that Britain would protest to Finland against what he termed the anti-British attitude of a section of the Finnish press.
Some five papers, the spokesman said, have criticised British policy in Egypt, Indonesia and China.
This attitude is considered improper because Finland is under armistice obligations to Britain, he said.—Associated Press.

All Curates Should Be In Services First

Westminster, May 23.
The suggestion that curates, civil servants and members of the legal and medical professions would be better equipped for their work if before taking up their posts they had the additional qualification of three or four years in one of the fighting forces was made by Viscount Trenchard in the House of Lords.

He asked the Government what progress was being made in the extension to the Navy and Army of the system known in the R.A.F. as "short service." It was a system, he said, which would give the services a greater number of young men of the right type, reduce the pension list and improve the career of promotion for long-serving regular officers and men.

"Instead of the period in the fighting services being considered a handicap in life, as it has been in the past, it would be regarded by the nation as an asset and qualification," he said.

Lord Nathan, replying for the Government, said that the suggestion of the fighting forces was under consideration and that their first form had been sent to the War Office and the Admiralty for their consideration.

TWO BABIES STOLEN

London, May 23.
The London police are tonight searching a wide area of the capital for a baby and a little girl, both of whom have vanished from their prams.
The first child, 18-month-old Una Row, was in her large blue pram, which disappeared from outside her home at about the same time from Kelly, aged 18 months, who was in a low maroon pram, was reported missing in a neighbouring district.—Reuters.

PROTEST TO ALBANIA

London, May 23.
A protest has been sent by the British Government to the Albanian Government, following an incident off the Albanian coast last week when Albanian coastal batteries opened fire on two British cruisers, according to the British Foreign Office.

The incident happened as the ships were passing through the narrow channel of Corfu, between the island of Corfu and the Albanian coast, en route to the port of Corfu.

Ten rounds were reported to have been fired but the cruisers were not hit.

The channel, which is less than two miles wide at the narrowest point, is divided into Greek and Albanian waters. A Foreign Office official said yesterday: "The cruisers were on their lawful occasion in waters in which they were entitled to be. The Albanian batteries registered no hits and neither damage nor casualties were registered."

A reply to the British protest

MOSCOW MAKING DECISIONS

Washington, May 23.
Diplomatic authorities here look for a series of historic foreign policy decisions in Moscow in the next three weeks affecting the whole immediate course of post-war events.

They believe that both Stalin and Molotov will reach decisions before June 16 (the date on which the Foreign Ministers Conference resumes in Paris) and thereby determine the extent of future Soviet cooperation with the United States and Britain in making peace.

Some of the critical issues on which the Kremlin is apparently nearing decisions are:
(1) Do Soviet leaders consider it more important to keep Red occupation armies throughout eastern Europe or to get eastern European countries on a penance basis with regular treaties?

(2) Are they willing to settle the Trieste dispute without giving Yugoslavia the entire strategic area at the head of the Adriatic? Some officials believe that Trieste will become a symbol of Russia's ability to deliver the goods to friendly Communist governments.

(3) Will Stalin over-rule Molotov's previous objections to Byrnes' proposal for a 25-year Four-Power German-control pact?—Associated Press.

is expected "very shortly," the official added.
The cruisers involved were the Superb and the Orion.—Reuters.

Need For Friendship With India

LONDON, MAY 23.
THE NEED FOR NEW ZEALAND TO "SEEK THE FRIENDSHIP" OF INDIA, WAS ONE OF THE POINTS MADE BY WALTER NASH, DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER OF NEW ZEALAND, SPEAKING BEFORE A CROWDED AUDIENCE WHICH INCLUDED PRINCESS ELIZABETH, AT THE ROYAL EMPIRE SOCIETY HERE TODAY.

HE DECLARED THAT WHILE NEW ZEALAND SHOULD HAVE A SUPREME INTEREST IN THE FUNCTIONING OF THE U.N.O. SHE SHOULD ALSO "MAINTAIN THE CLOSEST RELATIONS WITH HER TRUSTED FRIENDS—THE MEMBERS OF THE BRITISH COMMONWEALTH; AND IN PARTICULAR WITH THE UNITED KINGDOM, AUSTRALIA AND CANADA."

"I believe that we should endeavour to develop a frank and intimate relationship with the United States, France and the Netherlands, all of whom have territories in the Pacific, and that we should seek the friendship of the Soviet Union, China and India, whose countries border on the Pacific."

Mr. Nash declared: "I believe that a close association of the British Commonwealth is supremely worth preserving. I know that we shall preserve it because we have a common purpose in those larger aims—keeping peace and raising the social and economic standards of all peoples—which unite us just as firmly as did our common determination to defeat our enemies."

He also outlined some of the problems facing the British.

Grave Problems.
Some people, he said, posed that: 1. The British were trying to develop socialism on the basis of internal economy built on a drive for exports. 2. That the British must displace their manpower and industries throughout the Commonwealth. 3. That Britain faces difficult international problems but is no longer in the economic position to afford the luxury of maintaining big forces. 4. That at the very time when a joint Commonwealth policy in defence is needed, the British and Commonwealth countries are facing grave problems.

Lord Nathan, replying for the Government, said that the suggestion of the fighting forces was under consideration and that their first form had been sent to the War Office and the Admiralty for their consideration.

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That Article 71 of the Articles of Association be altered by substituting the words "WEDNESDAY, 30th DAY OF MAY, 1946" for the words "WEDNESDAY, 30th DAY OF MAY, 1945" in the said Article.

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THAT LOAN

The cynic is beginning to remark of the progress of the American Loan project through Congress that by the time it is approved, repayment will be due. It is, indeed, a disappointment to those who were looking to the Loan to provide a loosening of exchange controls and ease conditions of trade between the United States and the British Empire generally. That the Loan will, finally, go through seems to be no longer in doubt. It may be assumed with safety that its recent approval by the Senate means that the stiffest hurdle has been negotiated, and it is known that the Administration is well satisfied with the prospects. When the terms of the Agreement were discussed before Parliament last December, there were many voices raised in criticism. None of those who voted for its ratification, not even Lord Keynes, its principal British negotiator, looked upon all its clauses with favour. The amount, he said indeed, was cut much too fine, and he complained that the charging of interest was out of tune with the underlying realities. But it was passed as the compromise between two very different points of view least likely to provoke dissatisfaction in either of the two countries concerned. In Washington, however, there has been dogged opposition, only to be conquered by the determined backing the Loan has received from the Administration and its supporters. There will be further opposition as it makes its journey through the House of Representatives, but there is every hope that it will complete its passage.

The fact that the Executive in the United States remains in office unshaken by any reversal of its plans by Congress encourages in general considerable opposition to its legislative proposals, which rarely get through without substantial modification. In the Senate, where closure is seldom applied and then only by a two-thirds majority, one or more obstinate opponents of a measure can hold it up almost indefinitely. All the more credit, then, attaches to the patient insistence of Senator Barkley, the majority leader, in steering the Loan Agreement through a by no means unanimous House. He and those from President Truman downwards, who have stood for a necessary measure of assistance to Britain, have sometimes been handicapped by actions of our own Government which have been unpopular in American eyes. They have, on the other hand, been aided by international developments which have made it even more evident than last year how closely American interests are linked with the continued strength of Britain.

At the moment when the Agreement is before the House of Representatives it is as well to emphasise that the object of the Loan is not to finance political experiments here. Still less is it designed to enable the British people to relax efforts as producers. Indeed, the very terms of interest repayment imply that British exports shall remain substantially above the pre-war level. We shall, however, be in a position to buy raw materials in America and elsewhere with less hesitation. The provisions, to quote Lord Keynes, once more, "invest the first comprehensive attempt to combine the advantage of freedom of commerce with safeguards against the disastrous consequences of laissez-faire."

HOSTILE TO RUSSIA

**MOSCOW KEEPS THAT
'FRONT-LINE' OUTLOOK**

Moscow, Sunday.
Hundreds of workmen are hammering and sawing and putting up scaffolding for the customary May the First military and civil parade that Generalissimo Stalin is expected to review.

Soldiers are giving the Red Square a wash and brush-up with hoses. Fantastically cut and painted fretwork shopping booths are being bunched like toadstools in all parts of the city, to sell refreshments for the two-day holiday.

Fur coats are packed away in naphthalene. Last year's, on more likely pre-war's summer dress is being washed and mended for the holiday turnout. The weather promises to be the hottest since that fateful summer of 1941.

Almost a year to the day Berlin fell. The year that separates the flush of victory has been one of counting and mourning the dead, of slow but steady demobilisation, of re-gearing the engines of war to the needs of peace. Or, as the Russians blandly put it—it's a fight for the better life.

Much indeed remains of the old war vocabulary. Industry "mobilises" itself, and the demobilised man is asked to fulfil the Five Year Plan "like a Guardsman."

Clothing Short

The last demob decree released three categories of six groups, but their ages were not given.

There are definitely fewer uniforms these days in Moscow, and many young faces are seen. Many of the demobilised still wear khaki—only without epaulettes. The country's clothing industry has not yet been able to provide them all with civilian outfits.

And, of course, the problem of adjustment to civilian life is as great here as elsewhere. Press reports show that many a colonel is taking up the responsible job of collective farm manager, running it the army way, giving the youngsters physical jerks in the morning, and showing them how the dullard routine job can be managed "in front-line style."

But warns the army paper

Red Star, demobilised men "should not boast or swagger, but work enthusiastically for the good of their country whatever their post."

Perm v. Work

Playwright and Minister of Education of the Ukrainian Republic, Corneliuk, told me that a play of his dealing with the problems of demobilisation is a great success.

One old collective farmer begged him to bring the play to his village because his daughter had returned from abroad with all sorts of fancy ideas. She was more intent on keeping her

**By DAVID
TIRRELL**

"Daily Express" Staff Reporter

perm in order than doing a good day's work.

The play deals with just such a character and, a cure was worked on the living model.

A special train carrying experts to give occupational advice to demobilised men now runs regularly between the Baltic and Caspian Seas. It stops at out-of-the-way stations to serve the surrounding countryside.

The newspapers handle many questions from demobilised men. Typical queries are questions on pension rights, reinstatement, and whether invalids can be made to work overtime. The answer to the last query is: No.

Parents' Problems

School teachers especially welcome the return of fathers from the war. Great efforts are being made to combat juvenile delinquency and tighten up lax discipline, as well as to improve the home environment. A special parents' paper is published to give assistance in these matters.

One writer recently asked in the Teachers' Gazette: "What are we to do with a young girl who boasts before her friends that her mother can drink one and a half litres of vodka at one go?"

The paper sensibly urges the

parents to learn better manners before asking the same of their children.

Of the three peacetime problems which hit Europe today, I would give this, in order of priority here: housing, clothing and food.

The enormous destruction of houses in the Ukraine and White Russia will be only alleviated by the ambitious rebuilding foreseen in the Five Year Plan. People in the big cities are looking for more vigorous local subsidiary plans to improve matters.

The Soviet Union has put its best industrial brain, Vice-Premier Kaganovich, on the job of providing building materials.

Scientists First

There is, of course, plenty of enthusiasm and self-help in re-education. But a warning has been issued against students spending too much of their studying time in working as carpenters and house painters.

The first to receive improved accommodation will be scientists and highly skilled technical workers, for whom 12,000 flats will be ready in Moscow in 1950.

Undoubtedly in the Soviet Union, as elsewhere, the consumers' appetite is a bottomless pit. It swallows up everything within the first day of appearing in the shops, from hairpins to toy balloons.

Prices keep down the appetite for the scarcer goods, but there has been a marked revolt against shoddy goods, as letters to the editors of the leading newspapers reveal.

Said one Russian acquaintance, recently in London: "I bought two shirts in Regent-street with collars badly sewn on. I don't mind the expense. It was good to feel that shirts like that 'happen' there, as well as here at home." There has been a marked improvement, quantitatively, in Moscow, but with that goes the necessary warning that Moscow is no real index to how the rest of the country feeds.

The Soviet Union stretches over two continents and inevitably unevenness in the food distribution is bound to prevail. A great drive is being made to secure regional independence and so save transport.

There are no surpluses, with the exception of wheat—which has been sold abroad to France and Finland.

It helps one to understand the food transport problem to remember that even in peacetime Vladivostok ate bread baked from Canadian wheat. It is shorter and easier to bring wheat from Vancouver, than from the Ukraine.

Holidays Again

Advertisements for holidays in the Crimea and Caucasus are appearing in the Press for the first time since the war.

But as yet they are available only to people with a doctor's certificate, or those whose trade unions have managed to restore and renovate their holiday accommodation.

Others make do with holidays at home or in the suburban summerhouse.

And armies of allotment gardeners move out at the week-ends to prepare their store of winter vegetables.

Football leads as a summer sport. Four hundred Soccer teams in the Moscow region will compete this year for the city's challenge cup.

I can also report that the B.B.C.'s Russian broadcasts are winning an ever-increasing audience. There is one request for me to pass on—more sports news.

The newspaper Komsomolska Pravda now regularly prints descriptions of the outstanding Soccer matches in England.

Malsky Come Back

Ivan Malsky, recently dropped from the list of Vice-Foreign Ministers, attended a reception recently given by Mr. Molotov to the visiting Finnish Prime Minister. He was wearing Foreign Office uniform, and Madame Malsky (the best-dressed woman in Moscow by all accounts) looked well and joked freely with the company. More than one diplomatic know-all is now shaking his head.

The popular composer Nikolai Bogalovsky, who took like a young colt of the late Robert Schumann, told me that Frank Sinatra was visiting in the city. He was in the city for a short time, but he was very popular.

This Flying Deception

Washington—"If you have time to spare, You should travel by air."

This bitter jibe comes from the heart of thousands of frustrated air passengers. It took me three days, all but a few hours, to fly from London to New York in Pan American's latest Lockheed Constellation.

The exasperating delays to which air travellers are so frequently subjected are mainly due to bad weather and to fear of icing conditions, against which there seems to be no adequate remedy. Moreover, despite all the advance that was supposed to have been made

in England, the chief difficulty arises from the fact that all trans-Atlantic flights have to start from Hurn Airport, which is more than four hours by road from London. As a consequence, if a flight has to be postponed, all passengers have to suffer the vexations of being marooned in Bournemouth. This situation cannot be overcome until London's great new airport, Heath Row, comes into service towards the end of the year. But there is no doubt an effort could be made, meanwhile, to provide better accommodations for passengers who get stranded at Hurn.

Pan American do not themselves handle passengers in England. All arrangements for them prior to entering the aircraft are handled for Pan American by British Overseas Airways, who act as their agents. Making all allowances for the difficulties which have to be contended with in post-war England, it must be recorded that the existing arrangements are far from satisfactory.

By **RANDOLPH CHURCHILL**
during the war, in predicting the weather, meteorology still seems to be an inexact science. When we left Rineanna in Ireland, we were told we would encounter head winds up to 60 miles an hour and that it would take 11 hours to reach Gandar in Newfoundland. The winds proved much less severe and we reached Gandar in 8 1/2 hours. On the other hand, we were told it would take 4 1/2 hours to fly from Gandar to New York, instead of which the trip took 6 hours and 40 minutes.

Up until half an hour before we reached New York, reports indicated that LaGuardia Airport was blanketed with fog, and we were faced with the prospect of landing in Washington instead of New York. Fortunately the weather cleared just in time. But that this possibility should have existed

under the belly of about the most reliable of radio and radio control, which are supposed to make it possible to land under any circumstances, at all the world's leading airports, is a fact that great advances have been made in the science of meteorology and in the science of radio control.

There were 34 passengers on our plane, and as it had taken nearly three days instead of 25 hours to fly from England, some would have expected that some arrangements would have been made to transport these unlucky passengers into New York. No transfers of any kind were available. With great difficulty, a friend and I, and a third, a taxi and a friendly taxi driver, got us to New York by midnight.

It is a pity that the same sort of thing should happen to other airlines. It is a pity that the same sort of thing should happen to other airlines. It is a pity that the same sort of thing should happen to other airlines.

HANGMAN KEPT BUSY

Executions Commonplace In Poland

Crime Wave At Its Peak

(By LARRY ALLEN)

WARSAW, MAY 23.

FIRING SQUADS AND THE HANGMAN CONTINUE TO BE BUSY IN POLAND. DAILY, THE GOVERNMENT SAYS, THEY HAVE PLENTY OF WORK AS LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES BATTLE A CONTINUING WAVE OF MURDERS, HOLDUPS, ROBBERIES OF STATE INSTITUTIONS AND TRAINS, SPORADIC NIGHTTIME SHOOTINGS AND ASSAULTS—ALONG WITH A CLEANUP OF WARTIME NAZI COLLABORATORS.

PRIMARY OBJECTIVES OF THE ARMY, SECRET POLICE AND MILITIA'S COUNTER-ATTACK ON CRIME, THE GOVERNMENT SAYS, ARE BANDS OF THE NSZ, NATIONAL ARMED FORCES, WHICH THE GOVERNMENT CLAIMS ARE SUPPORTED FROM ABROAD. (THE NSZ IS BELIEVED TO CONSIST LARGELY OF REMNANTS OF THE POLISH UNDERGROUND WHICH FOUGHT THE GERMANS BEFORE THE RUSSIANS OCCUPIED POLAND IN 1944-45)

Polish newspapers have published officially the names of 120 alleged members of the NSZ executed by firing squads or hanged since Jan. 1. Many of those executed were youths of 14 to 18 years old. Scores were sentenced to long prison terms for terroristic acts ranging from murder to assault and robbery.

Some of the defendants in the first mass trial of NSZ members held recently in Warsaw—nine out of 23 were sentenced to death—admitted, court officials said, that they were paid "20,000 zlotys per head" for killing Polish politicians. (A zloty is worth about one U.S. cent.) They didn't say who paid the bill.

(The government repeatedly has charged that the NSZ is aided and financed by agents of Polish Gen. Wladyslaw Anders, commander of the Polish second army corps in Italy—an accusation he has denied.)

Within the last few weeks, the government said, "scores" of members of the Communist-backed Polish workers party and its close ally, the Polish Socialist Party, have been slain near the winter resort of Zakopane on the Polish-Czech frontier. A conservative estimate now is that 3,000 politicians have been killed since July 1945, with each of the six political parties having a sizeable representation.

Russians Killed

Russian officers and soldiers, too, have been attacked. Recently a group alleged by the government to be NSZ members boarded a passenger train in the Lodz area, took off nine Soviet military officials and shot them to death.

The Russian ambassador, Wiktor Z. Lebedev, is understood to have made strong representations to the Polish foreign ministry against what he termed a lack of security in Poland.

Warsaw had its biggest daylight holdup the first week in April when alleged members of the NSZ held up two messengers of the state tobacco monopoly, robbed them of 1,500,000 zlotys and escaped "on motorcycles."

Some Poles simply label the NSZ as trigger happy "national bandits" still suffering from a war psychosis. President Boleslaw Bierut and other high government officials, however, say the NSZ bands could not exist without outside financial aid and put the organization in the category of a subversive movement.

How many NSZs are operating in Poland no one can say because they are said to live in forests and isolated villages. Sometimes, their enemies say, they attack in strength of 30 to 40, at other times a band might consist of 400 to 2,000 persons.

Villages Burned

Law enforcement agencies do not to all their worrying about the NSZ. In southeastern Poland, around Przemyśl, bands of Ukrainian nationalists, who apparently haven't liked being repatriated to Russian territory, are daily and nightly raiding their former villages, now occupied by Poles.

Informed sources estimate that 800 villages have been burned within the last year. Thousands of peasants have been made homeless. Hundreds have been killed and wounded. All their livestock and valuable personal property has been carried off.

Several divisions of militia are operating against the Ukrainian raiders. In addition to army units and corps of the Ministry of Public Security.

Reports of how many NSZ members or Ukrainians have been killed are not available.

SWASTIKA

London, May 23.
German prisoners working on Thurro beach, Catthness, Scotland, made a swastika three feet square with coloured stones.

Lady Sinclair, wife of the former Air Minister, Sir Archibald Sinclair, saw the swastika from her bedroom window in Thurro, Catthness and phoned the army authorities. They obliterated the swastika and took action against the Germans.—Reuter.

30 persons in this category, including six women, have been executed since Jan. 1.

Poles In Germany

Hatford, May 23.
Polish displaced persons are responsible for more than 80 per cent of the serious crimes committed in the British zone of Germany, a senior officer of the public safety branch said today.

Serious crimes including murder, rape and robbery with violence are committed mainly by gangs of Poles numbering between five and 20 who roam the German countryside terrorizing the civilian population and plundering isolated farms, the officer said.—Associated Press.

Sultans Snub Mr. MacDonald

Singapore, May 23.

The nine Sultans of Malaya were not invited to the coronial installation today of Mr. Malcolm MacDonald as Governor-General of the Malayan Union and Singapore and neither they nor their representatives attended.

The Sultans are openly opposed to the British Government's plans for grouping their states into a Malayan Union, which they are said to regard as "cumbersome and unwanted," and are sailing to England as soon as possible with a petition to the King containing alternate proposals.

To emphasise their views they boycotted the installation of Sir Edward Gent as Governor of the Malayan Union on April 1. When sounded about today's ceremony they reiterated their standpoint and as a result were not issued with invitations.

Mr. MacDonald, who was installed in the Municipal Council Chamber where the Japanese representatives signed the surrender terms eight months ago, read a message from the King and Queen to all peoples of Southeast Asia.

"We look forward with you into the future of new hope and achievement," it said.

"The Queen and I share to the full in your confidence and pride."

The influential English newspaper "Straits Times" wrote today that the installation of Mr. MacDonald may not inconceivably be an important step towards the amalgamation of several widely scattered territories into one loosely knit whole under some such title as "British East India."

"If that were not the intention, it is doubtful whether a man of Mr. MacDonald's calibre would have been sent here."

Mr. MacDonald told Reuter today that his task as Governor-General of the Malayan Union will be concerned with the co-ordination of territories in this area but executive authority would remain with the various governors.

These, although keeping him informed, would have direct access to London, on matters affecting their territories.—Reuter.

Municipal Protest

Singapore, May 23.
The Singapore Municipal Commissioners today presented an address of welcome to Mr. Malcolm MacDonald, in which they regretted the separation of the colony of Singapore from the colonies of Malacca and Penang.

"They felt it was backward and undemocratic to bring about this severance without first consulting the populations concerned."—Reuter.

Sultan's Snub

Singapore, May 23.
In his first press conference in Singapore last night, Mr. Malcolm MacDonald, the new Governor-General of Malaya, declined to say anything "at present" about the "British Malayan Union" controversy.

He said he hoped that he and Sir Edward Gent, the Malayan Union Governor, would soon see the Sultans, whose absence from the installation ceremony earlier in the day had been interpreted as a snub for MacDonald.

"I am sorry they were not here," he said, "but quite understandable."

Red Army Calls Off A March

Prague, May 23.

Marshal Ivan Koniev, commander of the Soviet troops in Austria, temporarily called off the Red Army's 10-day south to north movement across Czechoslovakia, at the request of the Czechoslovak government.

The office of Dr. Zdenek Fierlinger, the Czech Premier, stated that the government had taken this step, "in view of the false interpretations" placed on these movements.

(Munich radio reported last night that some Czechs had protested that the Red Army's march, planned from May 20 to May 30, "might have some influence on voting" in the Czech elections on May 26.)

Marshal Koniev, from whose Danube command area the Russian troops on Monday began moving across Czechoslovakia towards the Soviet zone in Germany, is at present in Czechoslovakia for a month's rest, taking the waters at the spa at Karlsbad.

Today's Prague announcement added that the movements would be resumed after the elections.—Reuter.

EMPIRE TALKS IN BERMUDA

London, May 23.

Eight British Members of Parliament will attend a ten-day conference in Bermuda called by the Bermuda branch of the Empire Parliamentary Association, beginning June 10. M.P.s from Australia, New Zealand, South Africa, representatives of the American Congress and possibly a representative of the Indian Central Legislature will also be present.

The Supply Minister, Mr. John Willmot is Chairman of the British delegation which consists of five Labour and three Conservative members, including the former Foreign Secretary, Mr. Anthony Eden.—Reuter.

NOTICE

Re-RICE RATION

Registration of applications for Rice Ration Tickets is suspended for a period of three (3) weeks commencing Monday, 20th May, 1946.

R. C. LEE,
Rice Controller.

SALE OF OLD STORES.

Tenders are invited for the purchase of the following stores.

Scrap Iron and Steel.
Firewood.
45 Galls. and 25 Galls. Drums.
Towing Wire, old Paper Rolls, and Scrap-Air Craft over-load Tanks.

Tenders forms can be obtained at Section VI of Naval Store Department, H.M. Naval Yard, between 9.30—11.30 a.m. 23rd to 25th May, 1946 and should be returned in a sealed cover addressed to the Suptdg. Naval Store Officer, H.M. Naval Yard on or before noon on Friday 31st May, 1946.

NOTICE

Mr. S. Grove, A.C.A. has been appointed Secretary of the Hong Kong Telephone Co., Ltd., as from 22nd May, 1946.

By order of the Board of Directors.

SERVICE AUCTION ROOMS
Auctioneers, Surveyors, etc.
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NOTICE

THE AMERICAN CLUB

An Extraordinary General Meeting of the members of the American Club will be held in the Club premises on Monday, May 27th, at 5.30 p.m. for the purposes of electing officers for the current year and to receive the report from the Working Committee on the rehabilitation of the Club.

W. T. STANTON,
Chairman.

F. R. PIDCOCK,
Secretary.

Hong Kong, May 13th, 1946.

NOTICE

RICE FOR CREWS

From Monday, 27th May, 1946, rice will only be issued to articulated crews and to a reasonable number of the Compradore Staff. A list of names signed by the Captain must be submitted by the Company when applying for such rations. Sufficient rations will be given for the duration of the ship's stay in port, and to the first port of call.

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HONG KONG SERVICES RACE CLUB

Special Cash Sweep

STEWARDS' CUP

2nd JUNE, 1946

SALES UNLIMITED—TICKETS AT H.K. \$2.00 EACH.

Tickets for the above will be on sale at the Cash Sweep Counter, the Race Course, Happy Valley, during Race days, at the Hong Kong Jockey Club's Offices, 1st floor, Exchange Building, and at the China Emporium, ground floor, Queen's Road Central, every day from date during usual office hours.

After deducting Government Betting Tax and the usual Club's commission, 10 per cent will be deducted for prizes to drawers of Unplaced Entered Ponies.

After providing for the above, the balance will be divided as follows:—

1st Prize:	2nd Prize:	3rd Prize:
70 per cent	20 per cent	10 per cent

The above Sweepstakes will be subject to the Hong Kong Jockey Club's Rules for Members' Cash Sweeps.

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Commission for the Meeting

Klan Banned By Court

Los Angeles, May 23.

Superior Judge Alfred E. Paonessa today issued a court order forbidding the Ku Klux Klan from continuing in California. He ordered the Klan's Corporate privileges cancelled after the State attorney-general said that the Klan had not adhered to "benevolent" purposes.

The attorney-general said the organization carried out a programme of "force and violence, terrorism and hate, to stir up racial and religious prejudices."

The Klan filed its charter with the California Secretary of State in 1924.

A courtroom spectator shouted "The mission of the Klan is sacred. I shall resist this anti-Klan action!"—Associated Press.

BRIEF HOUR IN PARADISE

Liverpool, May 23.

Britons flocking to Ireland in search of a pre-war dinner with all the trimmings, will have things made easier for them with the opening tonight of the Liverpool-Dublin passenger service, closed since December 1941.

The Coast Line vessel, Longford, will reopen the service. An official of the shipping company said today that five

ILLEGAL WIRING

Unscrupulous wiring contractors, it was revealed by the Hong Kong Electric Company yesterday, are going round offering to connect a supply of electricity to premises which have had to be shut off owing to the strike.

The Company points out that this supply has to be taken from the wiring of those consumers whose supply is being maintained, and warns consumers not to allow their wiring or installations to be used for such a purpose.

In all cases such consumers will be disconnected and the offenders punished by law.

Reception For Archbishop

Archbishop Marius Zanin, Apostolic Delegate to China, and the Vicars Apostolic of South China were the guests of honour at a reception given at the Hong Kong Catholic Centre by the committee and members.

The Hon. Mr. Leo d'Almada, president and there was a large attendance which included a number of Service-men.

His Excellency Archbishop Zanin arrived in the Colony on May 9 and is holding an Episcopal Conference in order to intensify the Catholic Church's contribution to rehabilitation work in China. He leaves for Shanghai next week.

The bishops who attended the reception yesterday were MM. J. Valtorta of Hong Kong, Jono de Jesus Ramalho of Macao, Canzani of Kowloon, Fourquet of Canton, Prat of Amoy, Vogel of Swatow, Albouy of Nanning, Donaghy of Wuchow, Desvoziere of Pakhoi, Ford of Kaitang, Pashang of Kongmoon, Desperden of Hoihow, Romanelli of Kweilin and Bruniera, secretary to the Apostolic Delegate.

H.K.V.D.C. NOTICE

Red Cross Supplies

Distribution will be made at Volunteer Headquarters to all members of H.K.V.D.C. and H.K.R.N.V.R. who were Prisoners of War on 15th August, 1945, on Friday the 24th from 1000 to 1200 hours and 1430 to 1600 hours, and on Saturday the 25th from 1000 to 1230 hours. If unable to call in person, delivery will be made only against signed authorisation.

POST OFFICE NOTICES

MAIL NOTICE

Outward Mails

FRIDAY, 24th MAY.
Canton (Sai On) 10.00 a.m.
Swatow and Amoy (Van Heutsz) 10.00 a.m.
Straits (Samsur) 10.00 a.m.
Macao and Tsinshan (Kwong Sai) 11.00 a.m.
Airmail for London, Calcutta, Rangoon, Singapore, Sydney and Auckland (By Air) (Reg.) 1.45 p.m. (Ord.) 2.00 p.m.
Kongmoon (Foong Lee) 4.00 p.m.
SATURDAY, 25th MAY.
Airmail for Shanghai only (C.N.A.C. Plane) (Reg.) 9.15 a.m. (Ord.) 9.30 a.m.
Macao and Tsinshan (Kwong Fook Cheung) 10.00 a.m.
Formosa (Tak On) 10.00 a.m.
Halphong (San Lee Hong) 10.00 a.m.
Teankong (Kwongchowwan) (San Shing Lee) 10.00 a.m.
Hoihow (Wing Lee) 10.00 a.m.
Shanghai (Myrtlebank) 10.00 a.m.
Kongmoon (Foong Lee) 3.00 p.m.
Airmail for Canton, Amoy and Shanghai (C.N.A.C. Plane) (Reg.) 3.15 p.m. (Ord.) 3.30 p.m.
Canton (Patsan) 4.00 p.m.
Manila, P.I. (Louis Lykes) 5.00 p.m.
Swatow (Hatyang) 5.00 p.m.
Canada, U.S.A., Central and South America via Vancouver, B.C. (Empire Gunfleet) (Parce) 4.30 p.m. (Reg.) 4.45 p.m. (Ord.) 5.00 p.m.
SUNDAY, 26th MAY.
Macao and Tsinshan (Kwong Sai) 10.00 a.m.
Canton (By Train) 10.00 a.m.
Macao and Tsinshan (Kwong Fook Cheung) 10.00 a.m.
Manila, P.I. (Spa Lynx) 10.00 a.m.
Halphong (Mashate) 10.00 a.m.
Straits (Fongtion) 10.00 a.m.
Shanghai (Hanyang) 1.00 p.m.
Airmail for London, Calcutta, Rangoon, Singapore, Sydney and Auckland (By Air) (Reg.) 1.45 p.m. (Ord.) 2.00 p.m.
Shanghai, U.S.A., Canada, Central and South America via San Francisco (Marine Leopold) (Parce) 2.40 p.m. (Reg.) 2.55 p.m. (Ord.) 3.00 p.m.
Airmail for Canton and Hoihow (C.N.A.C. Plane) (Reg.) 3.15 p.m. (Ord.) 3.30 p.m.

S'hai Import Market At A Standstill

SHANGHAI, MAY 23. THE CONTINUATION OF CHINA'S CIVIL WAR HAS CAUSED DISRUPTION OF INTERNAL ECONOMY WITH THE IMPORT AND EXPORT TRADE AT A VIRTUAL STANDSTILL BECAUSE MERCHANTS HERE FEAR TO FORWARD GOODS OR TO SEND BUYERS TO THE WAR-TORN INTERIOR. THE SHANGHAI IMPORT MARKET, WHICH IS THE NORMAL MIRROR OF THE NATION'S BUSINESS, IS NOW AT A STANDSTILL. MOST OF THE AVAILABLE STORAGE SPACE IS JAMMED AND SHANGHAI MERCHANTS CAN FORESEE NO IMMEDIATE HOPE OF THE RESUMPTION OF NORMAL CHINA TRADE UNLESS THE NANKING NEGOTIATORS REACH OVERALL AGREEMENTS HALTING THE HOSTILITIES.

QUARREL OVER WATER SUPPLY

Evidence as to a quarrel between the parties concerned over the supply of water resulted in the dismissal in the Central Magistracy yesterday by Mr. F. X. D'Almada of a case in which a rice hawk was charged with an armed robbery at 231 Des Voeux Road West on April 3 last.

Det.-Insp. Saul appeared for the prosecution and Mr. J. M. D'Almada for the defence.

Early on the morning of April 3, according to the prosecution, the accused and several others entered the premises and stole money and jewellery valued at \$2,450. Complainant's wife, Leung Oi-kwan, recognised the accused on April 30 at 223, Des Voeux Road West and he was arrested and charged.

For the defence, it was said that the accused, one Chan Sik-kee, had lived at that address for the past 10 years and that both he and complainant's wife knew each other by sight. Accused's mother said that at the time of the robbery her son was asleep on the verandah of the house and did not leave the premises.

Accused testified that the day before his arrest he had had a quarrel with complainant's wife when she turned off the water supply so that the rest of the flats in the building were without water.

MONEY MART

Gold weakened yesterday and opened at \$528 per tola, 13 points lower than the previous day's close. In the course of the day it fluctuated between \$519 and \$522; the closing rate was \$522. There was practically no activity in Chinese national currency and rates were \$2.21 for futures and \$2.41 for spot at the opening, and \$2.19 and \$2.42 respectively at the close (per CN\$1,000). U.S. dollars were maintained at \$5.40, but Sterling and Australian pounds weakened slightly to \$17.80 and \$13.70 respectively.

Shanghai Exchange

The 10 a.m. quotations were:—
Buying Selling
C.N.S. C.N.S.
Gold per ounce 189,000 189,200
U.S. Dollars* 2,380 2,390
Hong Kong Dollars 420 425
Closing quotations were:—
Gold per ounce 188,000 189,000
U.S. Dollars* 2,370 2,390
Hong Kong Dollars 415 425
* Unofficial market.
—Associated Press.

INOCULATION OF CHILDREN

If the general public requires a lead in responding to the authorities' appeal for everybody to get inoculated against cholera, it is surely given by Hong Kong's schoolchildren. Up to May 17 no less than 38,000 schoolchildren from 185 schools had been inoculated. This great task has been carried out by the Lady Medical Officer, Dr. Mary King, and her staff. Inoculations among schoolchildren are still being carried out at the rate of 3,000 a week.

DUTY-FREE CIGARETTES

For possession of 700 dutiable cigarettes at Wellington Street on May 22, Ng Kai-chung, was cautioned by Mr. George She at the Central Magistracy yesterday. It was stated that accused was found in possession of the cigarettes. He admitted having bought them from a hawk.

The cigarettes were ordered to be confiscated.

His Excellency Major-General F. W. Festing, G.O.C. Hong Kong, left by air yesterday for Singapore accompanied by his A.D.C. on a short visit to Military Headquarters there. He is expected back by June 1.

Shanghai's anchorages are packed with merchantmen waiting their turn to discharge cargo and many ships are being used as floating warehouses because all shore space is filled. Some vessels have been delayed more than 60 days in unloading.

Inflated handling charges are exceeding the pilferage losses, particularly of foodstuffs and are further darkening China's economic picture.

Stevadores' prices are geared to the cost of rice which has increased 15 times since last November. Many importers are paying more to obtain unloading and delivery in Shanghai than the entire foreign insurance costs from New York.

Official sources place the pilferage of food at between 30 and 50 per cent of the shipments. Government appear powerless to halt the thieves who are steadily increasing with every increase in rice prices.

Stolen goods find their way into a bottomless Black Market, the mazes and intricacies of which appear endless.

The strike of customs employees has practically paralyzed the movement of commercial cargoes in Shanghai. Only Army, Navy and D.N.R.A. shipments which do not pass through the Customs are handled here now. Several shipments of fruit and other perishables have already been spoiled as a result.

COMMITTED FOR TRIAL

Charged with possession of an offensive weapon with intent to commit a felony and with unlawful possession of arms and ammunition, Wong Tim-eh was yesterday committed to stand trial at the next Criminal Sessions when his committal proceedings were completed before Mr. Horacio Lo.

Accused had been arrested by two detectives in Peace Avenue, Kowloon, at 9.30 p.m. on May 10. Evidence was given that a revolver loaded with five rounds was found on his person while a further two rounds of ammunition were found in his pocket. On a charge of unlawful possession of a revolver loaded with five rounds, Wong Yee, 27, unemployed, was committed by Mr. W. H. Latimer to stand trial at the next Sessions. He had been arrested by detectives in Nathan Road at midday on May 9.

Further Evidence Of Tortures

(Continued from Page 4).

tortured. He told me accused had given him a lot of water torture and also showed me his back where I saw some marks. He told me these marks had been caused by lighted cigarette ends. He did not describe the water torture. My brother-in-law died in prison on October 25, 1944. The cause of death was due to internal injuries.

Spoke To Power

"I spoke to Mr. Power on one occasion. On the morning I was brought out again and questioned as to my connections with Mr. Power. I said I had no connections with him whatsoever. Then Mr. Power was brought in front of me. Mr. Power was questioning. He told the Japanese that I was known to him as Mun Kam To. I then spoke to Mr. Power, who said something in an ambiguous way. The Japanese then gave him a good beating. Mr. Power was very thin and weak. He could not even walk fast. He spoke in a low tone. Moriama and one interpreter were present. I was not accused in the Supreme Court. He was put in the same cell as myself and occasionally brought out for questioning. He told me he was questioned about his wireless set. That is all I heard."

More Torture

G. Sang said he was arrested on June 20, 1944, by George Wong and Moriama, and taken to Kintorley Road with Enrique Lee. When they saw Enrique Lee, the water torture without heard him screaming. Accused was present with George Wong and Moriama. He was tortured in the bathroom. "The turn came for me to be tortured. I was put in the same cell as myself and occasionally brought out for questioning. He told me he was questioned about his wireless set. That is all I heard."

CHANGCHUN CAPTURED

Mukden, May 23. National troops under General Chang T'ang-kuo formally entered Changchun at 11 a.m. today. Advance units penetrated the city four hours earlier, said a communique from General Tu Yung-ming's headquarters at 1 p.m. Communist remnants remaining in the Manchurian capital were engaged in sporadic fighting following the National Army's entrance but resistance was soon overcome. The communique said that despite the fighting in Changchun, the people lined the streets to welcome the entry of national troops. —Associated Press.

EMPIRE DAY MESSAGE

The following Empire Day message to the youth of the British Empire by the Earl of Gowrie, president of the Empire Day Movement, has been received: "Today we celebrate the first Empire Day of the peace which has come from our great Victory. With patience, perseverance and indomitable determination we built up the forces that won this victory, but we must now exert greater perseverance and determination if we are to build up a lasting peace. Intolerance and greed brought wars; only tolerance and mutual understanding will bring real peace. By our Empire unity in war, which enabled us to stand alone for a whole year against the invader, we made victory possible. By our continued unity in peace, by increasing our knowledge and friendship interest in each other's difficulties and our tolerance of each other's differences, we can show the world an example of widely different races living happily together. "The celebration of this Empire Day is, therefore, the dedication to faithful service for our Empire in its great task of promoting world peace and goodwill."

FOUR BURIED IN HOUSE COLLAPSE

Due to the recent rainfall, the front of an old Chinese-style building at 4, Staverley Street, near Wellington Street, collapsed about 11.30 a.m. yesterday, resulting in four people being seriously injured.

An appliance from the Central Fire Brigade was immediately sent to the scene, while the police Emergency Unit was also called out.

The four buried in the debris were rescued some 10 minutes after the working party arrived. They were taken to the Tung Wah Hospital.

Portions of the building which remained standing after the collapse were pulled down as they were considered dangerous.

Two coolies, Chau Wah, 22, and Wong Chung, 21, were each sentenced to four weeks' hard labour by Mr. George She at the Central Magistracy yesterday for larceny of a drum of paint from Taikeo Dockyard on May 22. Chinese Sub-Inspector Chiu prosecuted.

URBAN COUNCIL OFFICE (HONG KONG)

NOTICE

It is hereby notified that stalls in the undermentioned markets will be let in conformity with the by-laws made under the Public Health (Food) Ordinance, No. 13 of 1935.

Tenders for the rent of stalls will be received at the above Office on the third floor, Post Office Building, Pedder Street, Hong Kong, on the following dates and times.

Wednesday, 25th May, 1946 at 2 p.m.

So Kon Po Market:—
Vegetable Stalls Nos. 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14.
Beef Stalls Nos. 22, 24, 27.
Pork Stalls Nos. 3, 23, 25, 26, 28, 29, 30, 31, 38, 39, 40.
Poultry Stalls Nos. 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 41, 62, 63.

Shek Tong Tsui Market:—
Vegetable Stalls Nos. 11, 13, 25, 26.
Fruit and Vegetable Stall No. 12.
Beef Stall No. 14.
Pork Stalls Nos. 15, 16, 17, 18.

Poultry Stalls Nos. 27, 28, 30.

Stanley Market:—
Poultry Stalls Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4.
Fruit and Vegetable Stalls Nos. 11, 12, 21, 22, 23, 24.
Meat Stalls Nos. 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20.

Sai Wan Ho Market:—
Poultry Stalls Nos. 9, 10, 11, 12, 45, 46, 47, 48.
Vegetable Stalls Nos. 35, 36, 50, 51, 52, 53, 54, 55, 56, 59, 60, 61, 62, 63.
Beef Stalls Nos. 29, 32.
Pork Stalls Nos. 43, 44.
Sundries Stalls Nos. 57, 52.

Whitfield Market:—
Fruit & Vegetable Stall No. 1.
Vegetable Stalls Nos. 9, 10, 11.
Poultry Stalls Nos. 15, 16.

Tai Hang Market:—
Fruit & Vegetable Stall No. 12.

Thursday, 30th May, 1946 at 2 p.m.

Shaukiwan Market:—
Pork Stalls Nos. 6, 7.
Poultry Stall No. 28.
Vegetable Stall No. 33.

Sai Ying Pun Market:—
Vegetable Stalls Nos. 49, 50, 51, 54, 55, 56, 57, 58, 59, 60, 61, 63, 64, 65.
Fruit Stalls Nos. 62, 66.
Beef Stalls Nos. 67, 68, 69, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81, 82, 83, 84.

Poultry Stalls Nos. 88, 92, 95, 96.
Pork Stalls Nos. 97, 98, 99, 100, 101, 102, 107, 108, 113, 114, 115, 116, 117, 119, 120, 121, 122, 123, 124, 125, 126.

Lockhart Road Market:—
Meat Stall No. 21.

Western Market (South Block):—
Vegetable Stalls Nos. 82, 84, 85, 86, 87, 88, 89, 90, 91, 92, 93, 94, 95, 96, 97, 99, 100, 101, 103, 104, 105.
Fruit Stalls Nos. 73, 74, 77, 78, 79.

Western Market (North Block):—
Beef Stalls Nos. 31, 65, 75, 87, 93, 117.
Pork Stalls Nos. 82, 53, 59, 60, 63, 64, 99, 123, 124.

Aberdeen Market:—
Vegetable Stall No. 23.
Poultry Stall No. 34.

Friday, 31st May, 1946 at 2 p.m.

Central Market:—
Pork Stalls Nos. 122, 128, 130, 131, 137, 142, 144, 145, 149, 162.
Beef & Mutton Stalls Nos. 179, 180, 181, 182, 183, 189.

Vegetable Stalls Nos. 214, 235, 236, 239.
Fruit Stalls Nos. 246, 247, 248, 249, 250, 251, 252, 253, 254, 255, 257, 259, 260, 261, 262, 264, 267, 268, 269, 271, 272, 273, 274, 276, 278, 279, 281, 283, 284.

Wanchai Market:—
Poultry Stalls Nos. 82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87, 88, 89, 90, 91, 92, 94, 97, 98.
Vegetable Stalls Nos. 80, 87, 88, 89, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 47, 48, 49, 50, 51, 52, 53, 54, 55, 56, 57, 58, 59, 60, 61, 62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67, 68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74, 75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81, 82.

Shaukiwan Market:—
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BAD SHOT

London, May 23.
Mrs. June Ann Moore, 42, of Old Farm, Comberton, was summoned at Cambridge today for assaulting her 70-year-old husband. She had thrown 80 eggs at him. They all missed. Mrs. Moore pleaded guilty and was bound over for 12 months.—*Reuter*.

Rajah Signs Sarawak To Crown

London, May 23.
The Rajah of Sarawak, Sir Charles Brooke, has signed documents ceding Sarawak to the British Crown, according to Mr. George Hall, Colonial Secretary, in the House of Commons today.

He said that the Sarawak Supreme Council authorized the Rajah to execute an instrument of cession on May 20.

The acting British representative in Sarawak had signed it on behalf of His Majesty but in view of the legal and administrative arrangements that must be made, the territory would not be taken over by the British Government for a few weeks.

Mr. Hall said that the Council passed the cession bill by 18 votes to 10 on the second reading and by 19 to 16 on the third reading.—*Reuter*.

NAVIGATION BY RADAR

London, May 23.
Every well equipped ship will be fitted out with ship-borne radar within a few years, Sir Robert Watson-Watt, the radio location pioneer, said today summing up results of the three weeks' conference on radio aids to marine navigation.

While there are limitations to the reliance on radar, he said, the typical passenger will be reassured to know that radar can look out over the bows of the ship and see the small vessel which is dangerous with in a range of 50 yards.—*Reuter*.

NUERNBERG, MAY 23.
FIRING A PARTING SHOT AT THE PROSECUTION'S CONTENTION THAT HIGH GERMAN OFFICIALS MUST HAVE BEEN AWARE OF HITLER'S AGGRESSIVE INTENTIONS YEARS BEFORE THE WAR, COUNSEL FOR GRAND ADMIRAL ERICH RAEDER ASSERTED AT THE NUERNBERG TRIBUNAL TODAY THAT EVEN WINSTON CHURCHILL, AS LATE AS 1935, WAS IN DOUBT OF HITLER'S INTENTIONS.

SUPPORTING THIS ASSERTION, RAEDER'S LAWYER READ A QUOTATION FROM CHURCHILL'S "GREAT CONTEMPORARIES," AS FOLLOWS:—

"To tell whether Hitler will be the man who will once let loose upon the world another world war in which civilization will irretrievably succumb, or whether he will go down in history as the man who restored honour and peace of mind to the great German nation, and brought it back serene, helpful and strong to the forefront of the European family circle."

A declaration that the German navy fought a clean war at sea came from Vice-Admiral Erich Schulte-Moenting, once Raeder's personal staff chief.

At this, the British prosecution produced an entry from the log of the Nazi submarine U71, recording the commander's refusal on June 21, 1941 to take aboard three exhausted survivors who had spent 28 days in a life-boat after the Norwegian tanker John P. Petersen had been torpedoed.

The log showed that the commander gave the trio food and water.

Schulte-Moenting defended the refusal to take the men aboard arguing that a submarine of the U71's size would be unable to accommodate any extra three men when outward bound on a mission lasting many weeks.—*Associated Press*.

History's Praise

Nuernberg, May 23.
Baron Ernst von Weizaecker, former German Ambassador to the Vatican, declared yesterday at the international war crimes trial here that history would list the Pope at the top of all those deserving praise for his conduct during the war in Italy. He said next to the Pope history would bestow its praise on the German Wehrmacht under Field Marshal Keitel.

Weizaecker said that during the

Economic Goal In Germany

Berlin, May 22.
General Joseph McNamoy, commander of the American forces in Europe, told a press conference on Tuesday that although American policy followed the Potsdam Agreement that economic unity should be the goal in Germany, "we are now thinking of alternate plans."

One of these plans, he said, was that Germany might remain divided along approximately the lines of the present four zones.

General McNamoy said economic conditions in Germany, particularly in the American zone, are "acute."

"Unless we can reach a decision on treating Germany as an economic unit there is no immediate prospect of checking the downward spiral in industrial production and the worsening food situation," General McNamoy asserted.

The conduct of American troops in Europe has "definitely improved" and a big factor in this was the arrival of wives and families, he added.

No steps have been taken for pooling food for all zones, the General said.—*Associated Press*.

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Chicago, May 21.
Mrs. Irene Gardner (50), a former hat-check girl, is suing Charles W. Wrigley, 71-year-old uncle of Philip Wrigley, for \$150,000 heart balm.

She claims that she has sacrificed the best years of her "charm and youthfulness" to the well-being of the elderly Wrigley.

Gardner says that Wrigley, a married man, was "enchanted by her womanly charm" and told her that she was the woman he had long sought to help him with his social and business affairs, because his wife did not drink.

She claims that Wrigley let her up in a hotel suite and promised her \$2000 a week for life, but he stopped the allowance on May 30, 1945, because of his reduced financial conditions.

Wrigley's statement in reply to Gardner's claim says: "I haven't got that kind of money. The last \$100,000 was spent on the war."

SOVIET "EXPERT" ON INDIA

London, May 23.

The first Soviet comment on the new proposals for India was made tonight. The source was a commentator, Yakov, who, speaking in English over the Moscow radio, said: "It is symptomatic that though the British Government has declared itself ready to make India independent, this proposal does not proclaim dominion status for India, let alone independence."

"At the same time, the police in India has been reinforced, prisons are being enlarged and the strength of the British army is being maintained."

"This does not seem that the provisional government of India will have even a shred of real sovereignty."

Expressing doubt about Britain's real intentions, Yakov said: "The British proposals were in reality not new and were but a reshuffle of the proposals made at the Simla conference and turned down by Congress and the Moslem League."

"In my opinion, even a superficial examination brings out the illogicality of this proposal."

"Of the proposals themselves I realise this. The Viceroy said that given goodwill, even an outwardly illogical settlement might be effective."

Lord Pethick Lawrence said in a broadcast that India desired independence and the British Government was prepared to grant this, but the concrete proposals put forward in the British Government White Paper do not accord very well with such a statement."

Yakov is not a regular commentator and nothing is known of his background.—*Reuter*.

Teheran Mission To Tabriz

Teheran, May 23.

The Iranian Government intends to send a mission to the "Home Rule" province of Azerbaijan to resume the recently interrupted negotiations with the democratic authorities of the province on the constitutional status of Azerbaijan, it was officially described today.

The mission is likely to consist of the Minister of Commerce and Industry and two other delegates. Jafar Pishevari, Azerbaijan "Premier," returned to Tabriz on May 14 after talks in Teheran with Ghassem Es Sultaneh. The talks were discontinued because of the inability to reach a compromise between the demands made by the Azerbaijan leader and the concessions that Ghassem Es Sultaneh was prepared to offer.

The Tabriz Radio, in a broadcast in Russian tonight, stated that a commission of "leading Ministers of the Republic of Azerbaijan" had left for Teheran at the invitation of the Prime Minister.

"The commission will investigate the attack of Iranian Government troops on the borders of Azerbaijan," the radio added.—*Reuter*.

"What Will You Do With Your Gratuity?"

London, May 21.

Privates Peter Murray and Hugh Sheridan, of Glasgow, decided to make their fortunes as bookmakers after discharge from the British Army.

While still on demobilisation leave they borrowed betting tickets from a Glasgow bookmaker and went to the Grand National at Aintree.

Business was brisk, and they collected £50 on the morning of the race.

But after the race one client presented a ticket for Lovely Cottage, which was at 93 to one.

Fled From Panters

The bookmakers paid him, then realised that several more Lovely Cottage slips were to be presented for payment.

Sheridan, who was suffering from war neurosis, fled.

Murray's nerves were not so good either, and he followed Sheridan.

When brought to court on Saturday they said they had about £140 war gratuity due in May, and would pay every penny of their bookmaking losses.

They were bound over.

FAT FRAULEINS OUT OF ORDER

Frankfurt, May 23.

The Stars and Stripes newspaper today suspended Sergeant Don Sheppard's cartoons featuring fat pig-tailed German girls with awastles embroidered on their underclothes.

Army officials said that the action resulted from German protests that the drawings held German womanhood to ridicule.

Sheppard said he drew the cartoons to "discourage soldiers from taking their fraternization and frauleins too seriously."—*Associated Press*.

BRITONS' TESTIMONY FOR BELGRADE

London, May 23.

Questioned in the House of Commons today concerning the forthcoming trial of General Mihailovich, former Yugoslav War Minister, the Foreign Secretary, Mr. Ernest Bevin, said that in view of the statement that collaboration would be among the charges, the British Government has agreed to transmit to the Yugoslav Government written testimony on behalf of the General signed by five British officers, who served as liaison officers with General Mihailovich's forces during the war.—*Reuter*.

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SOCIALIST TALKS
IN LONDON

London, May 23.
The Executive Committee of the
British Labour Party today
endorsed a suggestion for a
conference of World Socialist
Parties in England on Nov. 8-10.

Meanwhile, fraternal dele-
gates will go to the Party Con-
gresses of both the Finnish and
the Danish Social Democrat
Parties this year.
On June 17 Harold Laski,
Chairman of the Executive, will
leave for Germany.—Reuter.

Foreign Trade
Routes For U.S.

Washington, May 23.

The United States agreed "in principle" today to meet a
Russian demand for revision of the Balkan armistice
terms as well as those for Italy.

A State Department spokesman said Russia agreed to the
American proposal to revise the Italian armistice, but
asked for similar arrangements for Roumania, Bulgaria
and Hungary which the United States has now accepted.

Meanwhile, Senator Tom Con-
nally, Democrat of Texas, Chair-
man of the powerful Senate
Foreign Relations Committee,
said the Soviet demand for the
Big-Four approval of the trea-
ties before they can be signed
or even submitted was contrary
to the fundamental rights and
asked "who gave them that
power?"

Reporting to the Senate on
the Paris Foreign Ministers
conference Mr. Connally said
that "the primary power of
making peace treaties rests
with all nations which bore
arms against enemy states."
He told the Senate that "I
am protesting against four
Ministers writing a peace treaty
and submitting it to a peace
conference and when it comes
back to them permitting one
of the Ministers to veto it if it
does not like its terms."

Officials said the Italian re-
vision terms will not be pub-
lished until after signature by
Italian Government officials and
the allied commander in Italy.
—Associated Press.

N.Y. STOCK
MARKET

New York, May 22.
A number of stock leaders
showed a narrow improvement in
early stock market dealings today.
Bulls and low priced utility issues
led the upturn.
Dow Jones Average \$77.71, 80 Indus-
trial \$208.00, 20 Rail \$18.94, 15 Utili-
ties \$41.92.
Adams Express 28, Alaska Juneau 8 1/4,
American Can 68, American Smelting 69,
American Telephone 104 1/2, American
Tobacco 90 1/2, American Waterworks 25,
Anaconda Copper 47 1/2, Aviation Corpora-
tion 11 1/2, Baldwin 34 1/2, Barnard 30 1/2,
Bendix Aviation 47, Bethlehem Steel
107 1/2, Doane 28, Gordon Co. 54 1/2, Cana-
dian Pacific 19 1/2, J. I. Case 47, Chrysler
130, Colgate 22, Commercial Solvents 23 1/2,
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man Kodak 235 1/2, Electric Light & Power
27 1/2, General Electric 47, General Motors
72 1/2, Goodrich 77 1/2, Goodrich 72 1/2,
Homestead Mining 47 1/2, International
Harvester 98 1/2, International Paper 49 1/2,
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ville 194 1/2, Kennecott Copper 68, National
Distillers 84 1/2, National Lead 35 1/2, New
York Central R.R. 45 1/2, Packard Motors
9 1/2, Pan American Airways 20, Republic
Steel 37 1/2, Reynolds Tobacco 44 1/2, Schen-
ley 83 1/2, Sears Roebuck 46 1/2, Shell Oil
28 1/2, Socony Vacuum 17, Southern Pacific
60, Standard Brands 52 1/2, Standard Oil
of Calif. 57 1/2, Standard Oil of New Jer-
sey 76, Studebaker 32, Union Bag 23 1/2,
Union Carbide 118 1/2, U.S. Rubber 77 1/2,
U.S. Steel 87, Youngstown Sheet & Tube
77 1/2.—Associated Press.

New Delhi, May 23.
The Viceroy of India has in-
vited Maulana Abul Azad and
Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru to
meet him tomorrow to discuss
the formation of an interim
government.—Reuter.

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Washington, May 23.

The Chinese delegate, Mr.
Thomas Yang, echoed dissatis-
faction with the present food
allocation methods at today's
plenary session of the United
Nations Food and Agricultural
Conference.

"Thirty million people are
threatened with starvation," he
said, "and the Combined Food
Board's present allocations are
totally inadequate."

"We cannot expect to save
lives by feeding them paper al-
locations, nor can they be saved
by blueprints of the edifice to
be created in some distant
future."

Mr. Yang's speech followed
presentation by Britain, Ameri-
ca and Canada of a joint pro-
posal for a new international
organization of some 20 nations
to take the place of the Com-
bined Food Board in the allo-
cation of food to hungry nations.
In the proposed organization
would be all the world's major
supplying and importing na-
tions, but the plan as a whole,
has caused considerable dis-
appointment among many dele-
gates on the ground that it re-
tains the main fault of the
Combined Food Board—it can
only recommend and not order
the allocation of food.—Reuter.

SHIPPING
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Arrivals

Yesterday:—S.S. Foehsing,
H.M.S. Gavery, from Kure,
U.S.S. Currier from Subic, S.S.
Samstay from Kure, H.M.S. S.
Trafalgar from Japan and S.S.
Longview Victory.

Scheduled Arrivals

Today:—S.S. Haiyang from
Shanghai, U.S.S. Crag from Guam,
H.M.S. Tyne from exercises, and
F.S. Tourville and Saffron.
Tomorrow:—S.S. Samtyne, S.S.
Cromwell and S.S. King Haakon
VII from Singapore and S.S. Sea
Lynx from Shanghai.

Departures

Yesterday:—H.M.S. Hart for
Pratas and H.S. Empire Clyde for
Haikou.

Scheduled Departures

Today:—L.C.L. (L) 172 and
H.D.M.L. 1105 for Macao, H.M.S.
Crane for Macao, U.S.S. Orlick
and S.S. Van Heuts for Swatow.
Tomorrow:—M.S. 10 for Borneo
and H.M.S. Cocade for Trin-
comalee.

MR. BEVIN TO
FLY TO CAIRO

London, May 23.

Reuter learns that a draft
statement on the new treaty
has been exchanged between the
British and Egyptian dele-
gations.

Mr. Ernest Bevin, Foreign
Secretary, is expected to fly to
Cairo for the concluding stages
of the negotiations but no date
has yet been made.

Mr. Bevin, in the House of
Commons, replied "No" when
asked whether in the course of
the talks preliminary to the
present Anglo-Egyptian treaty
negotiation, any special com-
mitments had been made regard-
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"FEMINE WOLVES"
AMONG CO-EDS

New York, May 22.

Servicemen who have returned to Michigan University to
take courses say they have been shocked by the sexual
promiscuity and excessive drinking of girl students.

They describe the co-eds as
feminine wolves.

A writer in the Detroit Free
Press who investigated stories
that the girls' advances were
disturbing war veterans at the
University, states:

"All these women seem to
think about is men, and how to
land them."

He interviewed one soldier
who said: "These women got
mixed up during the war be-
cause of the man shortage."

New York says will be
made available.

Another co-ed admitted that
the girls were dressing to at-
tract men, and added: "But
may be we shouldn't slug them
on the head."

Alice Lloyd, Dean of Women
at the University, said the
situation was not alarming.

She admitted there might be
some moral breakdown because
of the war, and that there was
some concern over drinking.

"But we feel that the girls
are not really drunk, and that
they are not really promiscu-
ous," she said.

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Rice Situation Statement By Lord Killearn

A FLAT DENIAL THAT THE BRITISH COMMONWEALTH HAD PROCURED FIVE MILLION TONS OF RICE FROM SIAM FOR ITS OWN USE WAS MADE BY LORD KILLEARN, SPECIAL COMMISSIONER FOR SOUTHEAST ASIA IN A PRESS STATEMENT RELEASED IN SINGAPORE YESTERDAY (THURSDAY).

IN HIS STATEMENT LORD KILLEARN EMPHASIZED THE INTRICACY OF THE PROBLEMS AND THE IMPORTANCE OF A COMPREHENSIVE PICTURE BEING PRESENTED.

He said the rice situation now is just a little more promising than a month or two ago. He warned, however, that there should be no relaxation of efforts to economize and to grow more food. The outlook was still serious as a result of cuts in the Combined Food Board, rice allocations which were made necessary by availabilities falling far below anticipation. There was danger in the months approaching in many areas when stocks of the last rice harvest become exhausted. The recent Nutrition Conference fully discussed local production of alternative foodstuffs and urgent measures were under consideration.

"The position is best presented by comparative figures," said Lord Killearn, of those which form the basis of work for the current quarter with those we hope will be fulfilled for the quarter beginning July 1st. This quarter we hope to obtain rice in the following quantity:

Still Short
From Siam 95,000 tons, Burma 110,000 tons and French Indo-China 10 or 15,000 tons; an approx. total of 220,000 tons. The figures reached are still 65,000 tons short of the Combined Food Board estimate

of 285,000 tons from Southeast Asia.

"The allocation to Southeast Asia for the current quarter was 112,000 tons, or 40 per cent of requirements; of this, only a little less than three-quarters are likely to be received and the consequences are already being felt.

"For the July-September quarter, the Combined Food Board allocations are not yet known but we hope for the following:

From Burma 75,000 tons, Siam 230,000 tons, and French Indo-China 20 to 25,000 tons an approx. total of 330,000 tons. "This is a slight improvement on the picture given to you due to three things; the signing of the Siamese-Rice Agreement, the slight improvement of supplies to be expected from Burma, and supplies from French Indo-China. A great responsibility rests on the Siamese Govt. however, and on Chinese traders in Siam.

Great Difficulties

"There are still great difficulties to be overcome, including shipping, inland transport, port capacity and labour in all the three main exporting areas. My staff is concerned with urgent measures for the provision of locomotives, barges, lighters, gear and shipping priorities.

"I must emphasize that the entire food supplies are subject to allocation by the Combined Food Board in Washington made in the light of world food shortages. The allocation to Southeast Asia for the current quarter was only 40 per cent of the total available for export from Southeast Asia; the rest was pooled for other deficiency countries. These are mainly India, China (who bids through U.N.R.R.A.) and the Philippines. The C.F.B. allocations are made by agreement between representatives of the United Nations in Washington.

"This special commission is an agent of the C.F.B. for the implementation of allocations decided by Washington and it also co-ordinates and supports the territories' requirements and vigorous protests had been made against recent allocations particularly to Malaya.

Allegation Denied

"I have seen that it has been stated in China that 5,000,000 tons of rice had been procured from Siam for the British Commonwealth. This is quite impossible. The total provided from Siam under C.F.B. arrangements in the six months ending April 1st was only 148,000 tons. Moreover, China is a partner to all allocations and in addition it is unthinkable that the British Commonwealth should take action so prejudicial to world interests and to a country for which she has such a deep sympathy as China.

"The China press also appears to wonder what is to happen to the one and a half million tons of rice to be obtained under the Siamese rice agreement and they suggest the British Commonwealth will get an unfair share.

"It emphasizes that this one and a half million tons, if forthcoming, will be allocated according to the agreed decisions of the C.F.B. in Washington and may be allocated wherever the need is great. There is no question of the British Commonwealth wealth receiving an unfair share though I am content to think that the British have had a large share in bringing about an agreement to help meet the world's shortage. There are moreover several million Chinese in Southeast Asia about 2,500,000 in Singapore and Malaya alone who will benefit from supplies allocated to the area.

Consumer Goods

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FASCISTS

Rome, May 23.
The police of Rome, Milan and Florence, striking hard in an effort to guarantee orderly elections on June 2, seized nearly 100 alleged neo-fascists suspected of plotting terrorism.

There was no confirmation of a dispatch that the Milan police uncovered evidence of a nationwide conspiracy to create turmoil late in May in an effort to force the government to postpone the elections on the monarchist. Associated Press.

U.S. AIR BASE IN MACAO?

Lisbon, May 23.

The United States is negotiating for an air base in the Portuguese colony of Macao, at the mouth of the Canton river, South China, it was learned today from a reliable source here.

Macao, which has an area of six square miles, has been a Portuguese colony since 1557. An official source in Lisbon last week said that Britain and the United States are definitely negotiating for the retention of their war time bases in the Azores for naval and commercial-always purposes.

The Azores, Portuguese owned islands in the South Atlantic, played an important part in Allied control of the Atlantic during the war.

By an Anglo-Portuguese agreement in October 1943, British planes and ships used the islands as an anti-submarine base.

A huge airport was built at Santa Maria by the Americans, who also used the islands. —Reuter.

Shipping Subsidies For U.S. Lines

Washington, May 23.
The United States Maritime Commission yesterday designated 32 foreign trade routes and a number of services as "essential for maintaining our overseas commerce."

The action laid a basis for the reactivation of war-time abandoned shipping subsidies to shipping concerns; furnishing them with designated service for named routes.

The number of post-war essential routes are only two more than the pre-war list, but officials here said that the new programme called for the expansion of the area served, the number of ports visited and the frequency and length of voyages. The expansion is said to be most pronounced in the Pacific Ocean, the Mediterranean Sea and the Baltic areas. All the routes named encounter foreign competition.

The Commission said it was prepared to grant subsidies where necessary to cover the difference between the operating costs of American foreign lines. Furthermore, it "proposes to see that shipping is in a position to handle the flow of U.S. commerce and that it is maintained by private operation wherever possible, but by government operation if necessary."

A minimum of 400 vessels be required to service the routes which the Commission recommended for the operation of vessels flying the United States flag. They are all available except for certain specified type of ships.

Essential trade routes include five routes linking U.S. Pacific ports with the Caribbean, east and west coasts of South America, the United Kingdom, Elre, Hamburg and Havre.

In the routes designated numbers U.S. Pacific ports are linked to Australia, New Zealand, and New Guinea on route No. 27, and to the Straits Settlements, the Netherlands East Indies, India, Burma, the

JOURNALISTS NOW ARMED

Herford, Westphalia, May 23.
British press correspondents in Germany are being issued with revolvers by the Army authorities and a number of Colt revolvers have already been supplied to press correspondents under the official decision that correspondents permanently credited to the British zone may carry arms.

Marksmanship course are being arranged. An officer who was asked if there was any official reason why correspondents, who were banned from carrying arms during the war, were now provided with pistols, replied: "When you see what is happening in Germany and guess what is likely to happen, that seems a good enough reason to be armed." —Reuter.

Two fire appliances were called out to Happy Valley at 10.40 p.m. yesterday to deal with a small fire in the rear cubicle of a private house at No. 22, Yik Yam Street, 2nd floor. The fire was under control in 14 minutes.

PALESTINE

Washington, May 23.
The U.S. Department of State announced yesterday that the immediate transfer of 100,000 Jews to Palestine stands as the policy of the United States Government. —Reuter.

Iraq Backs Arabs

Bagdad, May 23.
Abdul Wahab Mahmoud, Iraq Minister of Finance, told the Iraq Parliament that Iraq had provided \$200,000 "to ease the land of Palestine from Zionism." I have today been ordered to pay \$50,000 as Iraq's contribution to the Arab Office in London and Washington," he said. —Reuter.

British Plan For Poles

London, May 23.

Mr. Ernest Bevin, Foreign Secretary, announced in the House of Commons today the British plan for the resettlement of those Polish forces under British command, who did not wish to return home. They would be demobilised and resettled in civilian life, either in Britain or elsewhere.

Those abroad, beginning with the Polish Second Corps in Italy, would be enrolled in a specially created resettlement corps—a British organisation which would for convenience be administered by British ministers. The corps would be essentially a transitional arrangement designed to facilitate from military to civil life.

The corps would be under military control and under British law and would be disbanded as soon as resettlement was complete. Some would go to approved jobs immediately. Others would be employed by the British Government to the fullest extent in useful productive work, such as reconstruction.

In appropriate cases they would be given training for civilian employment pending their eventual return to civil life either in British territory or abroad. —Reuter.

SNORES UPSET OLD SALT

London, May 23.

The snoring of a fellow-lodger so upset James Henry Lovett, a London engineer, that he ended up in the Magistrate's Court today after he had attacked the lodger in an effort to silence him.

Lovett, who "survived the perils of 21 years in the Navy, only to succumb to the aggravation of somebody snoring," denied having attacked his room-mate with a hammer but admitted there was "quite a scuffle."

He was bound over to keep the peace for two years. —Reuter.

CHINESE PLAYS IN ENGLISH

Two Chinese plays in English, "The Three-Promised Bride" from the traditional Chinese theatre, and "The Taming of the Shrews," a farce with a modern setting, were staged at the China Fleet Club last night by the Old Wah Yan Players.

The former had its first performance by the Wah Yan company at the French Convent School, Causeway Bay, about a fortnight ago, while the second was staged for the first time at the ENSA Star Theatre last Sunday night.

The show will be repeated tonight and on Saturday, when H.E. the Governor, Sir Mark Young, and H.E. the Mayor of Canton, Admiral Sir Andrew Chan Chak, as well as many other guests, will attend.

FRONTIER PROBLEMS

Rome, May 23.
Michele Lanza, Italian Foreign Office official, left Rome by air today for Paris with the Italian replies to the French and Austrian proposals on frontier changes.

The replies, which it is understood are in accordance with Italian policy already stated at Paris, will be presented by the Italian Ambassador in Paris to a meeting of Allied experts in Paris next Monday.

The reply to the French proposals will be given on May 27, and to the Austrian proposals on May 30. —Reuter.

GRENADE EXPLOSION

About 20 people were injured, some seriously, when a hand grenade exploded in a crowded room at the Hotel de Ville, Paris, last night.

SPORTS SECTION

India's Two-Day "Picnic" Match

EDINBURGH, MAY 22.

INDIA WERE ALL OUT FOR 247 AT THE CLOSE OF PLAY OF THE FIRST DAY OF THEIR TWO-DAY "PICNIC" MATCH WITH A SCOTTISH TEAM HERE.

HAZARE, THE INDIAN BATSMAN, WITH 101 SCORED HIS FIRST CENTURY OF THE INDIAN TOUR IN 3 HOURS 25 MINUTES.

Starting late, the Indians, who won the toss and batted first, were only 25 for two wickets when lunch was taken. Merchant, captain of the Indians in the absence of Pataudi, and Modi had both been dismissed cheaply within the first hour.

Some hot sunbath gave the Indians new life on the resumption of play, and the first 50 was sent up after 70 minutes play when Hazare put a square cut to the boundary for the first few runs of his ultimate century.

Malaya, however, did not receive the full C.F.B. allocation for this quarter and if availabilities come up to expectations next quarter, Malaya may get half as much again as she actually receive this quarter. The Colonial Govt. will decide whether this allows changes to be made in the ration scales. Factors in their decision may be the need to rebuild stocks, the exhaustion of weak stocks and uncertainties regarding the future.

With reference to the recent Nutrition Conference, I hope that impetus may be given to nutritional measures in Southeast Asia, particularly education in food matters and alternative foods to rice.

"The peoples of Southeast Asia are anxious about consumer goods, particularly textiles. I cannot say much about the degree in which the demand can soon be met. India our greatest source is strained to the maximum and supplies are not coming forward as fast as expected. The government of China has outlined a programme of consumer goods production, and I hope that this will be carried out.

"The Malaya Improvement

TENNIS

The exhibition tennis matches scheduled for today and tomorrow on the Hong Kong Cricket Club grounds, have again had to be postponed owing to the weather until an indefinite date.

U.S. Baseball

New York, May 23.

Southpaw Howie Pollet pitched the St. Louis Cardinals back into a first place tie with Brooklyn by beating the New York Giants 7 to 1 in National League play.

Enos Slaughter and Whitey Kurowski of the Cards and Johnny Mize of the Giants hit home runs. Johnny Sain won his fifth victory for Boston, 5 to 1 over Cincinnati but his wild pitch allowing one run prevented a shutout.

St. Louis 7 15 0
New York 1 5 1
Cincinnati 1 6 2
Boston 5 7 0
In the American League St. Louis Browns came from behind to win from Washington 8 to 1. Shirley was the winning pitcher.

Washington 1 6 2
St. Louis 3 7 1
Associated Press.

had no better luck and could only score a single before being bowled by Bannerjee. Only 29 runs were made for the loss of two wickets.

The score was brought to 51 when the third wicket fell. Dewar was l.b.w. off Hazare. With the addition of six runs to the score the fourth man, Haggie, was bowled by Hazare for three. Marshall then fell victim to Hazare, scoring only six runs. The score was five for 49.

Just before lunch, the fifth wicket fell. Nicols was stumped by Hindikar off Hazare for no runs and the score remained at 59 for six wickets when lunch was taken.

Resuming after lunch, Hazare added another ten runs to the score when Clark was l.b.w. off Sarwate for six runs. Hazare was then bowled by Hindikar for three. The score was 69 for seven wickets when lunch was taken.

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